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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Chairman Mark Sievers Thomas E. Wright Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of a General Investigation to Review the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) to Determine the Impact of the Increase in the Statewide Affordable Residential Rate for Rural Local Exchange Carriers to Their Lifeline Subscribers and Whether the \$7.77 Monthly Credit Should Be Modified.

Docket No. 13-GIMT-597-GIT

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to all companies designated as Competitive Eligible Telecommunication Carriers, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Electing Carriers. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Competitive Eligible Telecommunication Carriers and Electing Carriers are

given notice that they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Competitive Eligible Telecommunication Carriers, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Electing Carriers are assessed the costs of this investigation.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn; Wright, Com.; Albrecht, Com.

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